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SECTION I. SUMMARY OF FAR EAST TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS

The Rhee-CHIANG conversations are alleged to have resulted in tentative agreement for the exchange of Nationalist ships, aircraft, arms, and ammunition for Nationalist use of Korean ports and airfields. (p. 3 ).

Public disclosures of large-scale arms smuggling from the Philippines may have unfavorable repercussions on Philippine relations with Southeast Asia and may be a source of considerable embarrassment to the US (p. 4 ).

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A major policy speech by the North Korean Premier indicates an indefinite continuation of present "peaceful" tactics (p. 6 ). The Korean food situation is still believed to be serious despite recent reports that the 1949 food crop will reach 95% of the 1948 crop (p. 6 ).

The Chinese Communists scored no major advances on the military front last week (p. 7 ). Meanwhile the CCP has begun to lay the groundwork for its "peacetime" army (p. 7 ). This year's Manchurian harvest will be extremely short and will at best provide only a small exportable surplus (p. 8 ).

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